

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 23:19:24 1994
From: lhalliday@creo.bc.ca
Date: Mon, 05 Dec 94 15:14:41 PST
Message-Id: <9411057866.AA786669281@mail.creo.bc.ca>
Subject: 1995 ARRL Handbook

I picked this up over the weekend - a class act! Some familiar calls in the Contributors list, including KK7B and our very own K5F0. The new chapter on DSP is useful, as are some of the new construction projects.

Seeing metric measurements makes me feel much more at home, but the "Customary U.S." equivalents need some work on significant figures (look at the discussion of skip distances and stuff in the propagation section, for example).

Now if my copy of the new RSGB manual would show up I'd be all set - I ordered it as soon as it was announced, and they shipped it as soon as it was available. The wrong way (U.K. ParcelForce). So they shipped it again a few weeks later, by surface mail (at this time of year?!). I won't get antsy unless it still hasn't shown up by mid-January...

73 from Burnaby,
laura VE7LDH

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 18:04:26 1994
From: rohrwerk@holonet.net
Date: Sun, 4 Dec 1994 17:41:08 -0800
Message-Id: <199412050141.RAA01930@holonet.net>
Subject: 40m "F" beacon

On 12-02-94 Mike_J_Pulley@ccm.ch.inte wrote to qrp-l@netcom.com:

> After a year of enforced wandering (read "no functioning radio")
> from 40m CW, I've returned to the band of milk and honey. The
> insistent "F" beacon is still there pounding out dididahdit day
> and night near 7040.
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> What is it, where is it, and who put it there? I have some
> speculations...
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Same for that one on 3517 +- kHz:

GNI1 bleep bleep bleep bleep bleep bleep bleep

(each bleep sounding like an AMTOR burst).

: John Seboldt rohrwerk@holonet.net / I am Bach of Borg...
: Amateur radio K0JD... / your style will be
: Church of the Annunciation, / assimilated.
: Minneapolis /

-> Alice4Mac 2.3 E QWK Eval:05Mar94

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 16:42:57 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 94 11:25:42 PST
From: Mike J Pulley <Mike_J_Pulley@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Message-Id: <941205112542_1@ccm.hf.intel.com>
Subject: 40m "F" Beacon - SUMMARY

Text item: Text_1

The "F" beacon on 40m is not a commonly known milepost to most of us like WWV, W1AW, or Radio Moscow. Of the 5 replies I received, only 1 ham besides me knew about it. I still can't report on the what-, where-, and who-ness about it, but the quest continues!

Here's what we know so far about it.

Not everyone can hear it, or at least they haven't noticed it. Eric, WA6HHQ, hears it in California most evenings like I do in Arizona. Comments indicate that it hasn't been heard in Texas, Hawaii, or in Europe.

I hear it in Arizona at about 7039.5 kHz (on my analog dial) from local late evening to mid morning the following day (0300 - 1600Z). Signal strength is rarely stronger than S-4. It sends "F" at about 5wpm without interruption or variation.

Last weekend, I began correlating times when I could hear it and which other regions I could and could not hear at the same time. It's rudimentary DFing, certainly, but the best I can do with a humble multiband vertical. Eric in CA will use his 2-el 40m beam to get a bearing, too. Jeff, KH6IL, suggested building a small DF loop to get bearings, too.

The beacon has become quite a mystery! Not everyone can hear it, which explains the lack of comments heretofore. Maybe other INET-ers will gather more observations and we'll home in on this curiosity.

Who else can hear it? Please email your observations and

comments to me at Mike_J_Pulley@ccm.hf.intel.com .

Regards,

-- Mike, WB4ZKA
Mike_J_Pulley@ccm.hf.intel.com

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 15:06:42 1994
From: JSPEER@sfasu.edu
Date: Sun, 04 Dec 1994 19:36:14 -0600 (CST)
Subject: ARCI Sprint
Message-Id: <01HK99NLFE9U000F70@TITAN.SFASU.EDU>

Well, I just got done with the sprint. My first contest in many years and first exclusively qrp contest vere, I guess. Was lots of fun.

Ran 750 mw to my 40-meter loop at 30'. Worked 34 stations = 21 states and panama. Didn't hear any of the old familiar calls from this group, though. Where were all you folks?

72!
Jim Speer
K5YUT

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 23:17:32 1994
From: N8ET@delphi.com
Date: Mon, 05 Dec 1994 20:27:00 -0500 (EST)
Subject: ARCI Sprint
Message-Id: <01HKAPQ92RMA93A78X@delphi.com>

Although I was not on for long (about ten minutes) I did make two QS0s... K5YUT and N4S0.... I was there....

72/73 - Bill - N8ET
Kanga US
n8et@delphi.com

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 17:38:02 1994
From: Scott Richard Rosenfeld <ham@wam.umd.edu>
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 13:51:25 -0500
Message-Id: <199412051851.NAA12103@rac6.wam.umd.edu>
Subject: ARK4 for sale

You all know what it is. S&S Engineering, KA3ZOW (Dick) president.

Push button tuning, synthesis down to 1 kHz, very stable. Fine tuning

beyond that. Only 26 oz., 8x6x2" in size.

Covers 7.000-7.150 MHz, 5 watts output. Very attractive, built by AC4HF. All factory mods have been made. With RIT option. Have mod sheet for variable power output. Full QSK. Sells for \$200 in kit form. Sells for \$270 wired & tested.

Make offer. email or call me at 301-549-1022 (h) or 301-901-9260 (w)

73 de Scott NF3I

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 19:14:06 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 14:24:08 -0800 (PST)
From: John Dundas <ab6dg@netcom.com>
Subject: Autek RF-1
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9412051445.A28755-0100000@netcom13>

My sincere tnx to all who offered their comments on the Autek--on your unanimous recommendations, I have ordered one. There is currently a 3 to 4 week backlog of orders, they tell me.

Happy holidays and gd dx to all, de John, AB6DG

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 21:32:40 1994
From: TSMITH@fibusa.com
Subject: Century 21?
Date: Mon, 05 Dec 94 16:03:00 PST
Message-Id: <2EE3AA68@ipnovell.fibusa.com>

Hi all,

Have recently aquired a Ten-Tec Century 21 QRP transceiver. I'm not that familar with Ten-Tec in general but I was wondering what the rig is worth these days. I'm not interested in selling it at the moment but I would like to know if I ever did. I have the matching keyer, marker generator and manuals. The rig appears to work fine...only worked a couple of station so far with what I assume to be about 20 watts full power output. That combined with a real poor antenna (a 40 meter dipole with the apex at 20', center fed element sloping to ground at about a 30 degrees angle, and the ground element in the attic), I thought I was doing pretty good. The only thing I don't like about the rig is the dual slope detector. I find myself on the wrong side of the carrier.

Any other Century 21 owners out there? What's your opinions?

Thanks,

Tim N1BTQ
Mattapoisett, MA

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 15:41:46 1994
From: RAINS@NKU.EDU
Date: Mon, 05 Dec 1994 12:51:29 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: CMOS Keyer--Where at?
Message-Id: <01HKA9RANXMG95MZLO@NKU.EDU>

Hello all, I received a letter from Clay saying that the CMOS keyer plans are available from the WWW or FTP. I was just wondering where these are at & under whar directory?
thanks & 73 de AA9KM
Justin

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 15:10:09 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 94 09:13:01 MST
From: miker@cc.com (Mike Robinson)
Message-Id: <9412051613.AA01613@cc.com >
Subject: Dan's QRP Tuner

I started building (not assembling) the QRP tuner kit (there's a stretch) from Dan's Small Parts and Kits. To call this a kit is a stretch. The cabinet is a Radio Shack box with no holes drilled. The capacitors look like they've been salvaged from something. The coil is a piece of PVC fitting with #18 magnet wire provided. 2 SO-239's and 2 banana jacks. 3 plastic knobs and a single sheet of instructions.

Not provided is the 'surplus plastic' needed to keep the capacitors insulated from the case. The plastic rod to keep the capacitor shafts from touching the cabinet. And the hardware to mount the SO-239's.

There are really only 3 phases to this project. Listed here in order of shortest amount of time: wind the coil, solder connections (I'll assume), drill and prepare the cabinet.

I bought this kit because I saw it listed while I was searching for the parts to homebrew a QRP tuner. I figured, "It's all together and it'll save me hunting time." The jury's still out on that weather or not it's saving me time.

More news at 11.

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7.3 de Michael aa0ub Morse code is serial digital human interpretable
miker@cc.com multi-media, multi-cultural and lots of fun!

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From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 23:05:49 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 94 12:43:46 -0700
From: Mark Monninger <markm@bigfoot.sps.mot.com>
Message-Id: <9412051943.AA09974@bigfoot.sps.mot.com>
Subject: Re: Dan's QRP Tuner

Hey Mike...

Sounds like you got the deluxe version. Mine didn't have the box (what size is it, anyway?) or the knobs. I think I have a piece of plastic out in the garage somewhere, tho. I haven't started building/assembling mine yet.

73... Mark AA7TA

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 19:44:13 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 15:18:56 -0500 (EST)
From: Pete Hoffswell <pete@grfn.ORG>
Subject: DEC QST anti-qrp letter.
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.90.941205151030.3594A-100000@freenet.grfn.org>

I finally got myself together enough to subscribe to qrp-l. I'm quite impressed with the quality of communications found here. As a novice, and home-brewing newphyte, I probably won't have much input around here, but I did want to bring this up -

Did you all see the letter in December's QST magazine? This OM wrote in with his anti-QRP musings. Ok, ok, so it's the same old stuff we have heard time and time before, but it still pisses me off royally. My first rig was a 3w 40m qrp homebrew. I found it enjoyable and extremely rewarding!

I will try to post the text of that article here, so you all can see it. So, who's going to write a response for publication in next month's QST?

Pete Hoffswell |pete@grfn.org |616-336-2304
Holland, Michigan |N9SSA |http://www.grfn.org/~pete

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 17:04:38 1994

From: JimN00CT@aol.com
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 12:58:35 -0500
Message-Id: <941205125834_6231574@aol.com>
Subject: G-Land, here I come.....

Hi Gang (and Gangsters),

Will be G0/N00CT from 13 December to 17 December, on either 30 or 40 meters.
Will be QRP. Will also be in Netherlands before that, but no license %^(.

Will try to get on the air late at night (2300-0100 UTC) to try to work some DX. Who knows, maybe even the states?

Wish me luck. I will need it.

72, 73 whatever it takes.....Jim N00CT

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 22:15:06 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 11:52:35 -0800 (PST)
From: Gary Hart <ghart@pwa.acusd.edu>
Subject: Howes rig
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9412051109.A27752-0100000-0100000@pwa.acusd.edu>

Just thought I would post a note telling all about my experience with the Howes 40 M rig. In one word:
Disappointing.

This may not have been the best kit for a first timer and the instructions left a lot to be desired. I'm sure someone with more experience would love all the bells and whistles, but my frustration with it led me to put it in the circular file basket. What a waste.
Anyone have a suggestion for a qrp rig less demanding for the novice builder?

Also, I wonder about any SSB rigs that may be simple for the aspiring builder.

TNX, and

72

Gary WL7KV

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 23:08:56 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 17:17:45 -0700 (MST)
From: Rick Zabrodski <zabrodski@med.ucalgary.ca>
Subject: HW handbook
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.941205171622.6587C-100000@ume>

Mike Bryce informs me the current HW handbook availble from him for \$11.00.

Dr. Rick Zabrodski BSc, MD, CCFP(E) * VE6GK
EMAIL: zabrodsk@med.ucalgary.ca *
Packet: VE6GK@VE6YYC.#cgy.ab.can.na * "Power is no substitute
Phone: (403) 271-5123 Fax: 225-1276 * for skill."

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 15:30:20 1994
Date: Sun, 4 Dec 1994 19:34:45 -0800 (PST)
From: Monte Stark <mswmod@sage.unr.edu>
Subject: Re: HW-9 Finals
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.90.941204193248.17821A-100000@nimbus>

Hi Bob,

Just wanted to let you know that you had a very strong and clean signal here in NV. I was just hooking up a bug and then heard the test. Had forgotten all about it!

So you are the first with a bug in many years.

Glad you heard my 2w.

Good luck, 73's, Ron

.....KU7Y.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
..mswmod@sage.unr.edu.....Sun Valley, Nevada....
.....ARRL.....NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 23:53:33 1994
From: Mike.Czuhajewski@hambbs.wb3ffv.ampr.org (Mike Czuhajewski)
Subject: Re: HW-9 Finals
Date: Mon, 05 Dec 94 21:17:48 EST5EDT
Message-Id: <1994Dec05.211748.7826@wb3ffv.ampr.org>

The final for the HW-9, the MRF-237, is available from RF Parts in San Marcos, CA--see just about any recent issue of QST or CQ for their ads, which list prices on a small selection of their product line (and I think the MRF237 is, or at least was, in the ads). Be prepared to

shell out what I consider relatively serious money for a QRP transistor. By the way, if anyone ever thinks about using an MRF237 in a homebrew rig, be aware it has "backward" pins--instead of the usual E-B-C, running clockwise around the triangle, it has C-B-E, with the emitter connected to the case. 73 and Queue Our Pea DE WA8MCQ

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Mike Czuhajewski, user of the UniBoard System @ wb3ffv.ampr.org
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The WB3FFV Amateur Radio BBS - Located in Baltimore, Maryland USA
Supporting the Amateur Radio Hobby, and TCP/IP InterNetworking

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 18:34:11 1994
From: N9DD@aol.com
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 00:22:44 -0500
Message-Id: <941205002154_5887930@aol.com>
Subject: Re: HW-9 WARC band kits

At last year's Dayton QRP gathering, Al Rey W8LRM had a stack of WARC band kits for the HW-9 for sale. They were original Heath - unopened brown boxes with all the official markings, etc.

I don't know for a fact if Al has any left, but if anyone else is looking for the mod kit, you might want to drop him a note at his callbook address. He has been active on America On Line in the past (W8LRM@aol.com) but I haven't seen anything from him lately.

72,

Tom N9DD

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 14:06:29 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 09:01:00 -0500
From: "david (d.) burniston" <davidgb@bnr.ca>
Message-Id: <"9718 Mon Dec 5 09:01:27 1994"@bnr.ca>
Subject: Info on FAR Circuits & Parts Source

Hi...

Can anyone tell me if FAR takes orders by phone using credit card and if so what is their phone number.

I'm also looking for a source of parts for the EPIPHYTE SSB transceiver from QRPp (the ceramic resonator and filter) - preferably a North American source.

Thanks

Dave Burniston
VE3LFO

davidgb@bnr.ca
613-765-3579 (b)

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 17:15:38 1994
From: CQC@aol.com
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 12:49:15 -0500
Message-Id: <941205124908_6221970@aol.com>
Subject: Key CAD Complete

I found the Mac version at a chain, Software Etc. with several stores in the Denver area at \$30. They stock versions for Mac, Dos and Windows.

I found that Office Depot, at least here in the Denver area, is closing out this program for DOS at \$19.95. From what I hear from Mike, WA8MCQ and Bob, V01DRB and others that this is a great program for the price.

Just in case you don't have a Office Depot in your area or they aren't closing it out, the phone number for Office Depot here is 303-832-2582. There are more stores, but this one had 7 copies this morning. If you need more information regarding other store numbers, drop me a line.

72,
Rich W0HEP
Life's too short for \$800 finals!

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 20:25:27 1994
From: RAINS@NKU.EDU
Date: Mon, 05 Dec 1994 11:19:28 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: Keyer Sidetone help
Message-Id: <01HKA6JX0HW295N045@NKU.EDU>

Hello all. I was wondering if there is an easy way to put a sidetone on a keyer. I designed one using a 556 dual timer IC, and I would like to put a sidetone on it, and I'm not too good with electronics. I can send a copy of the schematic, or describe the circuit more if needed.

Thanks & 73 de AA9KM
Justin

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 15:45:41 1994

Subject: NC40 Thump
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 94 8:23:59 PST
From: Eric Swartz WA6HHQ <erics@cruzio.com>
Message-Id: <9412050824.aa17668@cruzio.cruzio.com>

Larry Mull writes:

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> A question: The audio on my NorCal has had a pronounced thump ever since
> I cranked up the power. Any suggestions for getting rid of this?

Larry,

If the thump you mention is on your TX sidetone, try increasing the value of R4. I also run 4 to 5 w on my NC40 and found that a value of between 11 and 15M ohms worked for me. You will probably need to try several values to get it where you want.

R4 sets the sidetone level by slightly bypassing the AGC fets on TX.

72,

Eric WA6HHQ

Technical Editor, QRPP

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From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 14:28:10 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 94 05:49:25 MST
Message-Id: <9412051249.AA19591@rgfn.epcc.Edu>
From: ab870@rgfn.epcc.Edu (Charlie B Wood)
Subject: qrp

unsubscribe

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charlie

ab870@rgfn.epcc.edu

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 19:40:38 1994
Date: Mon, 05 Dec 1994 16:43:37 -0500 (EST)
From: "David Moody, KD8NY" <MOODY@Admin.Rose-Hulman.Edu>
Subject: Re: QRP and Big Antennas...
Message-Id: <01HKAHXE66T6HTRWZG@ADMIN.Rose-Hulman.EDU>

IN%"DACOLEMAN@fair1.fairfield.edu" writes:

>Gang,

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>You can consider the following remarks (A) arbitrary; (b) intuitive; (c)

>all

>of the above--just as you like.

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>carries

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>than

>a Sturba curtain.

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>72.33894156

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>Don coleman, W1VOQ

Yeah, but it also means that the power is well aimed to its destination.

Does that mean if I work someone off of the back of the beam, it would

qualify as QRPp???

Someone (no, I don't remember who) once told me that the QRP operator needs the best receiver and antenna system that can be had. Actually, I would say that the receiver part is probably more important as far the the QRO operator is concerned. But, there are two ways of looking at QRP operation.

- 1) How little power is needed to carry out effective communications.
This one may require monster antenna arrays to do correctly. Here you are interested in causing as little QRM to other stations as possible.
- 2) How little power is carried through the ether.
This one may as well use a wet noodle, and hope that the other guy has a monster antenna array and super high tech receiver to pull out the small signal.

I enjoy QRP operation, whether I am loading up the guttering (sometimes), using a dipole (most of the time), or using quad stacked monoband 5 element yagis (hey, I can dream). It's just the challenge of how little do I really need to carry out good communications. In this case I tend to look at the transmitter, receiver and antenna as separate parts, trying different things with each just to see what can be done.

[ramble mode detected...editing output]

Well that's my two milliwatts on the subject, but I don't think that this

thread will die very easily. Oh well...
--David Moody, KD8NY

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Rose-Hulman Inst. of Tech. | Amateur Call: KD8NY (CW QRP) ex-WB9MMD  
Terre Haute, IN USA 47803 | (VMS Rules!!! (but RSTS was fun.))  
                          | ! Finger: mgrdam@crux.Rose-Hulman.edu  
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Any facts expressed within belong to everybody.
Any opinions expressed within are my own and are not
necessarily the same as my employer, family, friends, etc.
It is up to you to know the difference.

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 15:16:34 1994
Date: Thu, 01 Dec 1994 09:44:36 -0500 (EST)
From: "DONALD A. COLEMAN (EXT. 2850)" <DACOLEMAN@fair1.fairfield.edu>
Subject: Re: QRP and Big Antennas... (fwd)
Message-Id: <01HK4HY3DQUU8ZFL86@fair1.fairfield.edu>

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Don coleman, W1VOQ

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 19:32:09 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 13:41:01 -0800 (PST)
From: Alan Kaul <kaul@netcom.com>
Subject: Re: QRP and Big Antennas... (fwd)
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9412051345.A936-01000000@netcom>

I disagree -- this is the QRP-list, not the ERP-list.
What's wrong with having an antenna system which enables 5 watts of
power to sound like a big gun? 72, de alan

[<Alan Kaul, W6RCL>] kaul@netcom.com

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 22:32:40 1994
From: jeffrey@math.hawaii.edu
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 94 13:19:24 HST
Message-Id: <9412052319.AA00707@cruncher.math.hawaii.edu>
Subject: Re: QRP and Big Antennas... (fwd)

But what if I place a parasitic wire element behind my dipole and another parasitic wire element in front of my dipole. It now has a certain amount of directivity and thus 'gain'. Is that no longer a qrp'ers antenna?

I thought this was last week's thread...

Jeff NH6IL

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 20:35:26 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 12:09:04 -0700 (MST)
From: "Timothy J. Pettibone" <tpettibo@nmsu.edu>
Subject: QRP ARCI Holiday Spirit CW Sprint
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9412051258.F54362-0100000@paris>

Well, got to work this one for about 1 1/2 hours (yes dear, I really wanted to go to the faculty wives tea!").

Worked 16 stations, 12 multipliers, 71 qso points, and since I was right at 4.9 watts, I get a X 7 power multiplier. Let's see, that's a total of 5964 points. Since I was running the TS140S to my dipole/zepp I don't get the HB bonus (guess I wouldn't anyway for the OHR Spirit). 11 states, 1 province and Panama.

Tim AB50U
Las Cruces, NM

From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 18:39:16 1994
Date: Sun, 4 Dec 1994 22:46:14 -0800 (PST)
From: Monte Stark <mswmod@sage.unr.edu>
Subject: Re: QRP Humour
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.90.941204224543.19894A-1000000@nimbus>

Wow,

At last someone understands QRPers.....

73's, Ron

.....KU7Y.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
..mswmod@sage.unr.edu.....Sun Valley, Nevada....
.....ARRL.....NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 22:49:06 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 14:31:23 -0800 (PST)
From: Jeff Jones <jeffj@crl.com>
Subject: QRP mailing list still active?
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.941205142959.25266D-100000@crl.crl.com>

I have not received any mail from this list for a while. Is it still active?
I have heard rumors that it has had some kind of problem, how would I go
about having it send me mail once again? Thanks and 73!

Jeff

jeffj@crl.com | When I gave food to the poor, they call me a saint.
AB6MB | When I asked why the poor had no food, they call me a
| communist. Dom Camara KPFA 94.1 Bay Area Progressive Radio!

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 02:33:23 1994
From: LarryN2ELW@aol.com
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 00:04:14 -0500
Message-Id: <941205000413_5871828@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Re "Real QRP"

One more for the road,

QRP'ers do it with finesse!

73 de Larry N2ELW

LarryN2ELW@aol.com
N2ELW@W2EMU.NJ.USA.NOAM

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 15:06:41 1994
From: N5EM@aol.com
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 09:54:55 -0500
Message-Id: <941205095452_6107441@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Re "Real QRP"

Enough of the Real QRP. We don't need a them and us mentality here. If anything separates us as a subsection of the radio hobby it is the state-of-mind that it is the skill behind the radio that counts. This is a skill that is learned. None of us are born QRPers. We became interested in the challenge, we began to experiment, and we found a place we loved. I dabble in many facets of amateur radio. I am a satellite operator, an ATV operator, an occassional contestor and enjoy experimenting and teaching. But first and foremost, I am a QRPer. That thread runs through all the other facets of the hobby. If I can do it with low power, that is the method I choose.

Like religion, QRP is an attitude. It is an attitude that must be caught or learned. Likewise, it is an attitude that must be taught. The last thing a would-be convert needs to hear is that he/she is not a "real" QRPer. What purpose does it serve? Does it make me feel better to demean another so that I can feel superior?

Lets focus our energies on the real issues before us today, developing new and interesting technologies and techniques. Lets welcome anyone who wants to know more and who wants to experiment with us. We were all there once!

73/s from Houston.
Ed/N5EM.

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 17:27:27 1994
From: Mike.Czuhajewski@hambbs.wb3ffv.ampr.org (Mike Czuhajewski)
Subject: Re: Re "Real QRP"
Date: Mon, 05 Dec 94 12:45:59 EST5EDT
Message-Id: <1994Dec05.124559.14961@wb3ffv.ampr.org>

Yes, I knew all along that it was Danny S in those ads; when I saw the ad with him leaning on the amp and chopming the cigar, that absolutely made my day! I haven't gotten such a charge out of anything in years, and I wrote to him to tell him so. Of course, knowing about him in the other ads was crucial to enjoyment of the exquisite humor of the alpha ads. Believe it or not, back in the bad old 100 watt days of the QRP ARCI, members were required to sign a pledge that they would never run more than the then-100 watt power limit of the club, although I think exceptions were allowed for true emergencies. Shortly after the QRP ARCI converted itself to a QRP club circa 1978, the power limit was done away with. Members can (and do) run any power they want at any time, although of course only claiming to be QRP if they are actually

running QRP. And I don't think running more (or MUCH more) power in any way reflects on whether a person is a real QRPer. There are times and places for everything, QRO included. 73...

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From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 20:30:09 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 16:23:45 -0600 (CST)
From: Kevin Anderson <anderson@ncrsun1.ncr.usace.army.mil>
Subject: strange internet problem -- not receiving mail
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.91.941205161408.22643A-100000@ncrsun1>

Just a whistle to the Boatanchor and QRP lists that if anyone has been trying to reach me since Thursday, for some reason I am not receiving incoming mail. (does this mean I'm conceited to even mention it? :-).

It is a perplexing problem that maybe someone can shed some light on -- my Sun mailers are working (I can send out and force mail in by telnet to port 25, plus e-mail between our various sun computers), I can ftp/telnet in and out from here, a few messages have come into individuals from one particular list (not these :-) and a few other sites, and our domain name server "seems" to be working alright (at least nslookup works). In talking to our computer people, they didn't change anything on Thursday except to add an authorization program for file mounting. I've tried mailing from other sites that I have accounts on, but none of it has arrived, nor bounced back undeliverable, so it is being held somewhere in the greater Corps network.

I'm very perplexed. Any ideas? Now back to radio programming
73 de Kevin, KB9IUA

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From owner-qrp-l@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 19:34:22 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 14:56:18 -0500 (EST)

From: Pete Hoffswell <pete@grfn.ORG>
Subject: Re: Tejas RF Technologies
Message-Id: <Pine.SUN.3.90.941205145300.1644A-100000@freenet.grfn.org>

On Sun, 4 Dec 1994 K7YHA@aol.com wrote:

> I just talked to Bill Hickox, K5BDZ, owner of Tejas. He stated that he is
> still selling kits of the Backpacker-II that he has packaged. Once these are
> gone, Tejas will be out of the kit business. Tejas has a commercial side that

Bummer. I have a Tejas Backpacker II that I built as well. It's a nice little rig. Is Bill available via the net at all? Perhaps I should consider getting those band mod kits. I currently have a 40M setup, but you know what 40M novice band is like!

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From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 17:55:45 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 09:26:30 PST
From: R._Baker.VEN1@rx.xerox.com
Subject: Thanks
Message-Id: <"5-Dec-94 6:26 PM".*.R._Baker.VEN1@RX.Xerox.com>

Folks,

Thanks to all who made suggestions for aerials for my ultra small back yard. I'd still be interested in any others that people have tried. I think that I'll try loading up my vertical as it's about 5.5M long .It works great on 15 and 10M (I got LU on my first call on 28.5 SSB with 10W !) but the current coil in the bottom stops it resonating on 20 and below at the moment. I have had a couple of other suggestions that should fit into the space available and I suspect that I'll end up with two aerials, one for LF and one for HF. I'll keep you posted as to what works best.

Cheers,

Russell - PA/G4ZRZ

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 10:24:03 1994
From: JimN00CT@aol.com
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 1994 07:14:18 -0500
Message-Id: <941205071416_6036508@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Thanks for hw-9 info!

Power is no substitute for skill

That's the other one I was looking for. Thanks Dave WA4NID

72.5, Jim N00CT

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 21:39:53 1994
Date: Sun, 4 Dec 94 19:02:46 HST
From: jeffrey@math.hawaii.edu (Jeffrey Herman)
Message-Id: <9412050502.AA09502@kahuna.math.hawaii.edu>
Subject: The HB 40M VFO works!

Gang,

Recall I was building my first non-crystal homebrew rig - it's the 40M VFO from QRP NOTEBOOK (vol 1), using a variable cap from a TV UHF tuner (with the channel 14 to 83 dial still attached!). Well the darn thing works and is amazingly stable (as long as you don't breath on the tank circuit - even a slight breeze will shift freq).

It's not really operating on 40M though; rather, the range is from 7800 to 8100 kc. I'll fix that to go from 7000 to 7150.

Before I build an amp stage for it I'll connect up the antenna and see what I can do with its 10 mW output. Now get this: *If* I can reach the West Coast from here in Hawaii let's see what the mile per Watt ratio will be:

2000 miles / .01 W = 200,000 miles per Watt!!

When I get finished adjusting the freq range to a legal segment I'll post a note on here so a skeds can be made.

Stay tuned.

.73 from Hawaii,
Jeff NH6IL

From owner-qrp-1@netcom.com Mon Dec 5 17:30:06 1994
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 94 10:11:11 MST
From: miker@cc.com (Mike Robinson)
Message-Id: <9412051711.AA01682@cc.com >

Subject: Update on downspout

A while back we were discussing rain gutters as antennas. Mine works great! The vertical section is about 16 feet tall, then the horizontal section is about 30 feet. These are just guesses. Friday and Saturday night I had QSO's with New Jersey, Florida, and Mississippi. My Heathkit antenna tuner loads it up nicely 80, 40, 30, 20 and 15 meters.

My regular rig is a Ten Tec Century 21 running about 20 watts.

I have a ground stake right next to the outlet at the bottom. RG8M runs from the tuner and connects straight to the ground rod and the gutter. No frills, no spills. The house is new, so no corrosion has set in yet.

The best part is the comments I get from the hams I qso with: "Does the SWR go up when it rains?" "I bet that antenna was easy to find." "Hey clean out your antenna!"

These comments come after reports of 'solid copy' 579's and 'rain gutter doing FB'.

The gutter is in a plane that alignes east and west. Radiation seems to be easterly, which is the side that the vertical section is on.

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7.3 de Michael aa0ub      Morse code is serial digital human interpretable
miker@cc.com              multi-media, multi-cultural and lots of fun!
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